



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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***Gathering of Honored Elders***

Welcome to all who have come together for the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Gathering of Honored Elders.

Our Golden State is unique because of the rich mix of cultures and customs found here—I thank everyone in attendance for adding to that legacy.

California's Native American history and culture represent its first peoples, whose descendants continue to enrich these lands through their hard work and culture-bearing traditions.

All of you, the Elders gathered here, along with friends & family throughout the State, represent a commitment to honoring and preserving a rich Indian heritage—unique to California in many ways. I admire the work you do to teach, share, and pass this down to future generations. Thank you for your contributions to California's history and your role in shaping our State's future.

Sincerely,

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.